GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:991
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ATTACK ON NUNS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Nuns belonging to Minority Community have been attacked by miscreants in Kerala;

(b) if so, whether the attack or part thereof has taken place in front of police;

(c) if so, the details in this regard;

(d) whether NHRC, Women and Minority Commission have taken steps to enquire into the incident;

(e) if so, the details of the recommendations of the Commissions in this regard; and

(f) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (f): As per available information two Nuns belonging to `Sneha Bhawan`, a unit of the Missionaries of Charity located at Athanickal (near Kozhikode city) Kerala, were attacked by some miscreants on 25th September, 2004 in the Harijan colony at Mambuzhacaud, Lallalam P.S. Kozhikode District, Kerala. A case has been registered by the local Police and the matter is under investigation by the State Crime Branch.

The National Commission for Minorities has informed that one member of the Commission was deputed to visit the place for an on the spot assessment of the situation. The Commission has recommended to the State Government that an independent inquiry be conducted into the incident and the culprits be brought to book and punished immediately. The Commission has also asked the State Government to send a detailed investigation report and suggested that an inter-religious meeting be organized to remove further misgivings on the issue.

The National Human Rights Commission has informed that the Commission took cognizance of the matter on the basis of a news item published on 29th September 2004 in the `Hindu` and called for a report within four weeks from the State Government of Kerala. The report has not yet been received by the Commission.

The National Commission for Women has informed that they have not enquired into the incident of attack on Nuns in Kerala.